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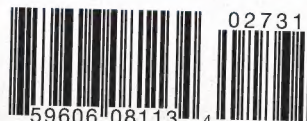
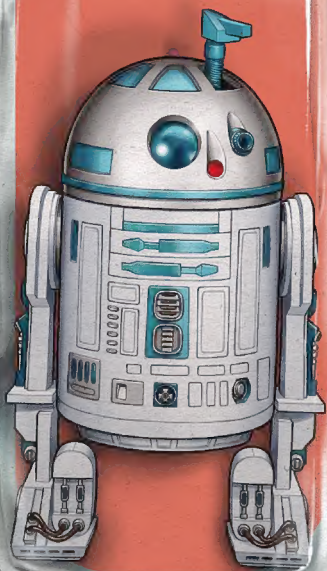
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It is a time of renewed hope for the Rebel Alliance as heroic rebel soldiers strive to undermine Imperial forces throughout the galaxy. The Galactic Empire continues to hold its domination and has doubled its efforts to eliminate any who would stand against its rule.

When Rebel droid C-3PO gets captured by Scar Squadron, Darth Vader's team of elite stormtroopers, R2-D2 takes off on a solo rescue mission, stranding Luke in his X-wing.

While searching for R2-D2, Luke turns to the journal of Ben Kenobi, which contains a story from the earlier days of Master Yoda. After a daring rescue, Yoda feels a calling in the Force and follows it — to a planet inhabited only by children....

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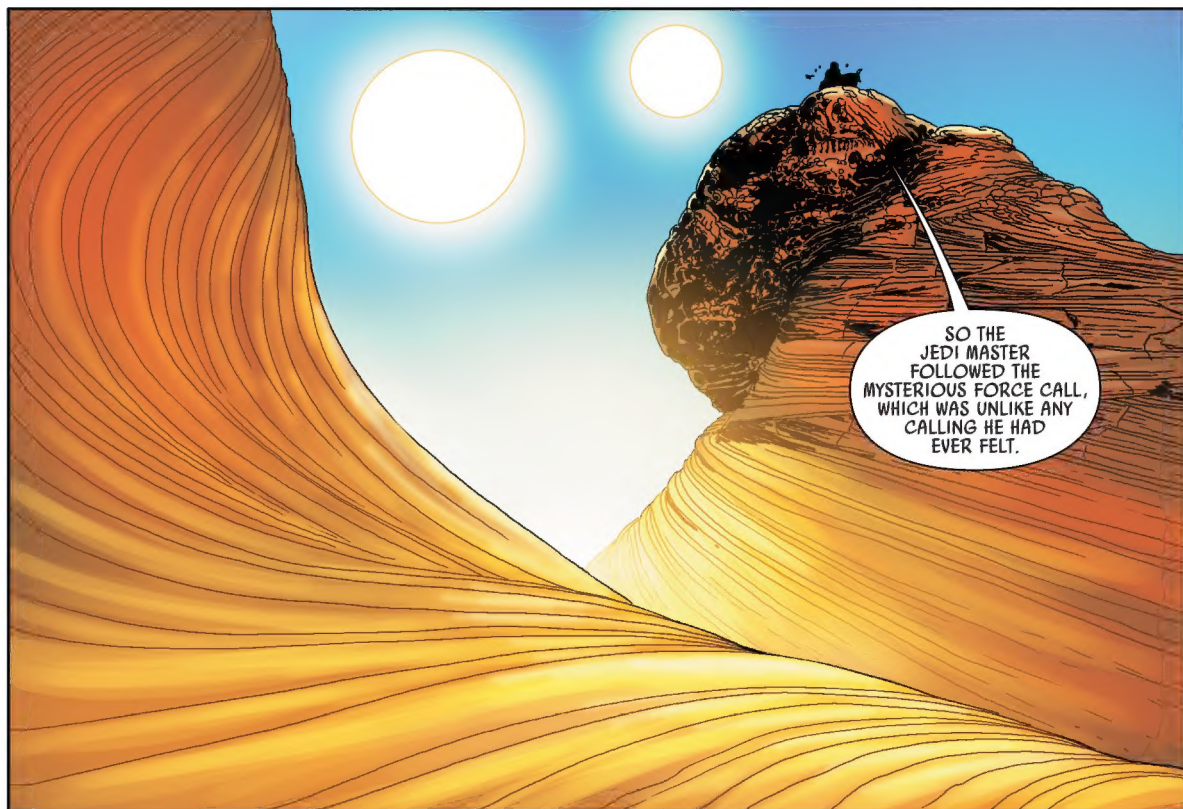
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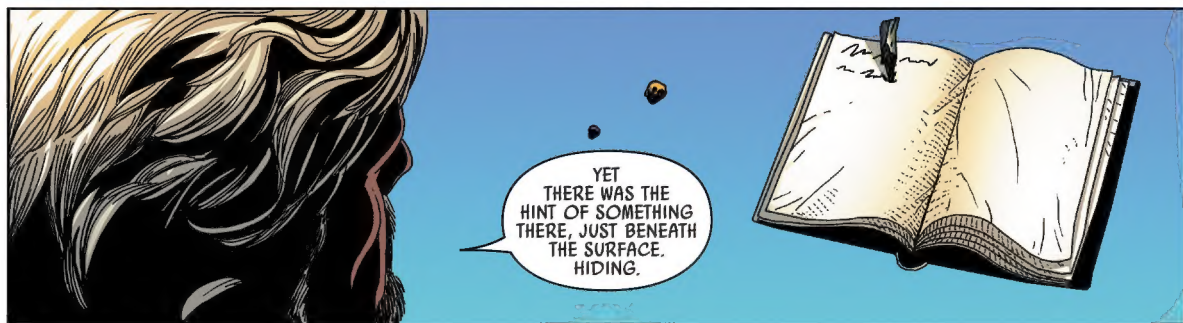
SO THE JEDI MASTER FOLLOWED THE MYSTERIOUS FORCE CALL, WHICH WAS UNLIKE ANY CALLING HE HAD EVER FELT.



HE FOUND HIMSELF ON A DARK AND DREARY, SEEMINGLY LIFELESS WORLD.

AND IT WAS SO HOT, HE THOUGHT HIS FACE MIGHT MELT FROM HIS SKULL.

NO, WAIT, IGNORE THAT LAST PART. THAT'S ME, NOT YODA.



YET THERE WAS THE HINT OF SOMETHING THERE, JUST BENEATH THE SURFACE. HIDING.



"SOMETHING
ANCIENT AND
POWERFUL."

"SOMETHING..."



...UNEXPECTED.

THE WARRIORS WHO SURROUNDED
THE JEDI MASTER, SPEARS IN HAND,
WERE CHILDREN.

NO OLDER THAN THE STUDENTS HE
WAS ACCUSTOMED TO TEACHING
AT THE TEMPLE ON CORUSCANT.

THIS...WAS NOT THE SORT
OF CHALLENGE HE HAD
EXPECTED TO FACE.

BUT FACE IT
HE WOULD.

NOT A
THREAT TO YOU
AM I.

COME
TO *HELP* I
HAVE.



WE DON'T NEED NO HELP, ESPECIALLY FROM A WEIRD LITTLE FROG LIKE YOU.

JUDGE ME NOT BY MY SIZE. AS I DO NOT JUDGE YOU.



WARRIORS
I SEE. NO MATTER THEIR AGE.

WITH EYES THAT HAVE WITNESSED MUCH DEATH AND MANY TERRIBLE BATTLES.

TELL ME, WHERE ARE YOUR PARENTS?

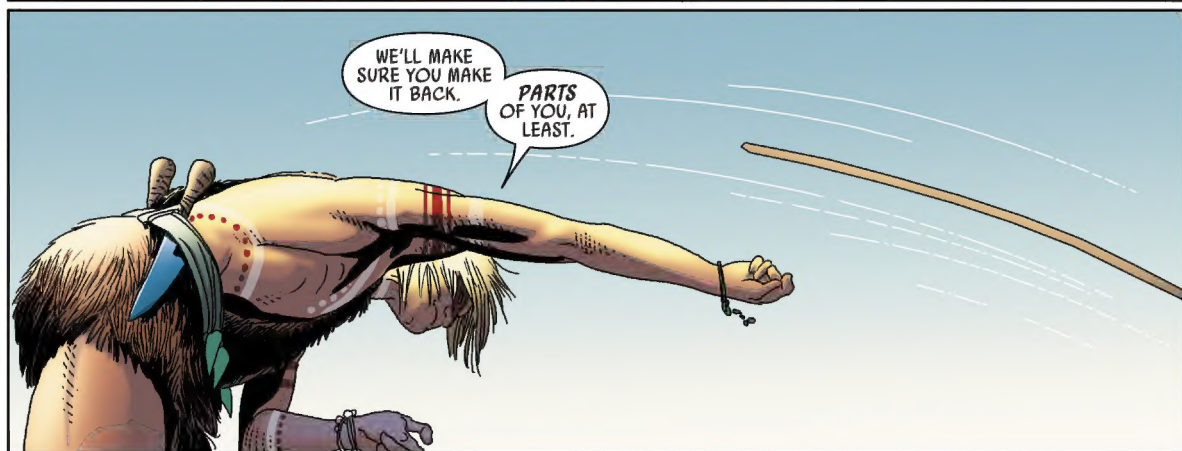


THE MOUNTAIN. THEY'VE ALL BEEN TAKEN TO--

DON'T TELL HIM NOTHING. IT'S SOME KIND OF TRICK.

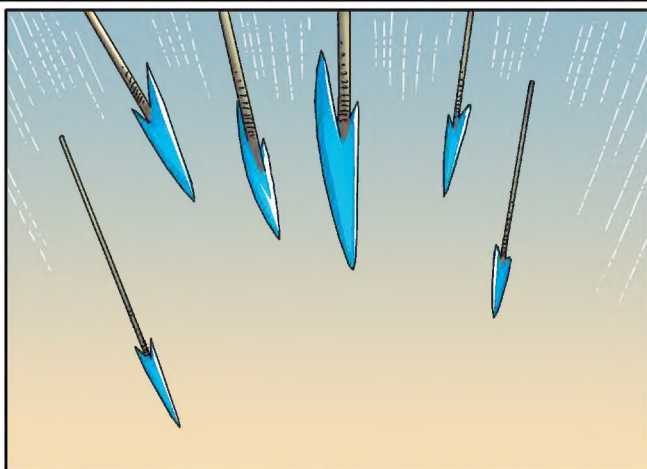
I BET HE'S A MONSTER CONJURED UP BY THE ROCKHAWKERS.

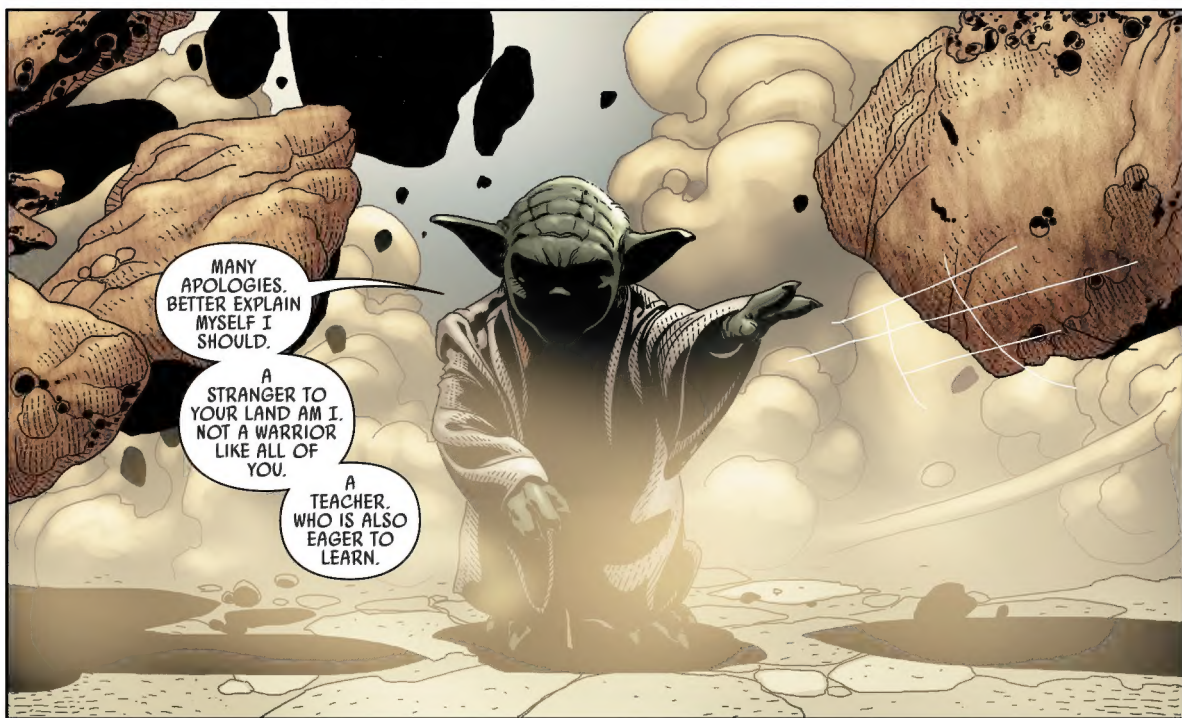
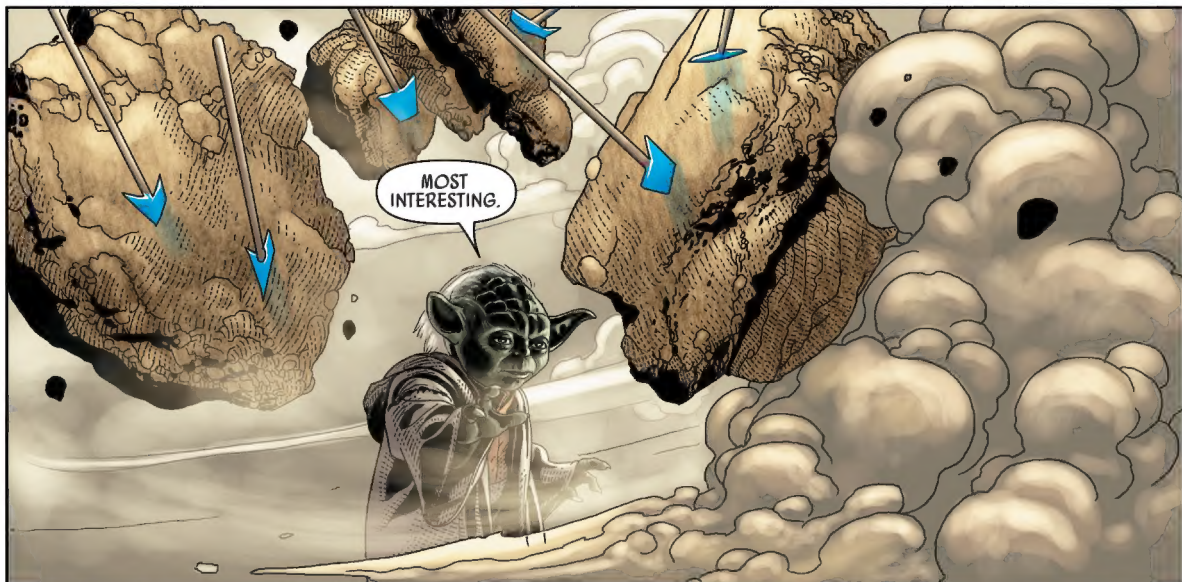
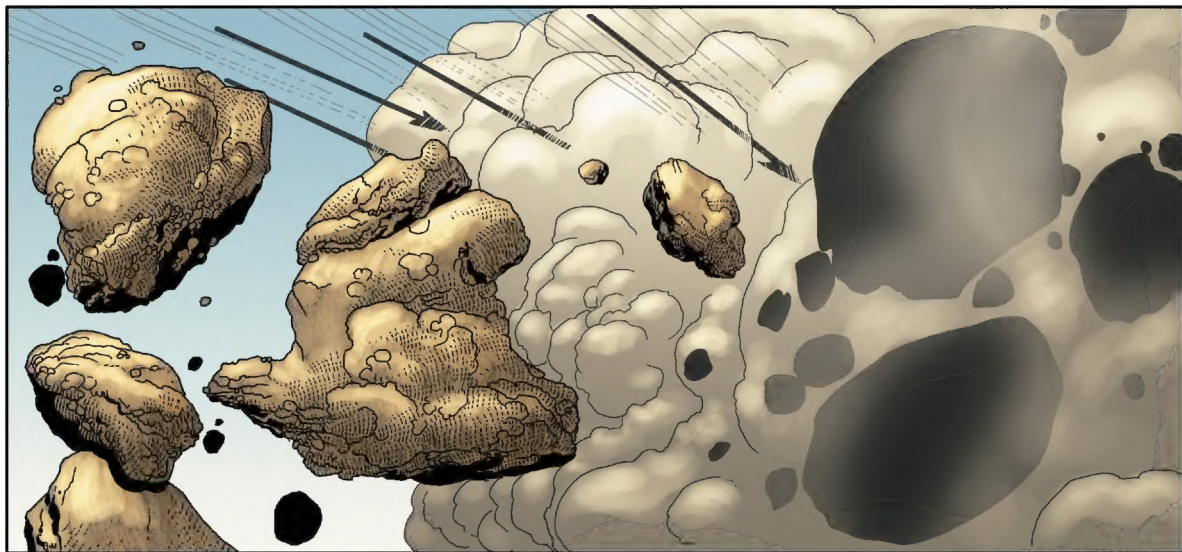
YOU NEVER SHOULD'VE LEFT YOUR CAVE, MONSTER.

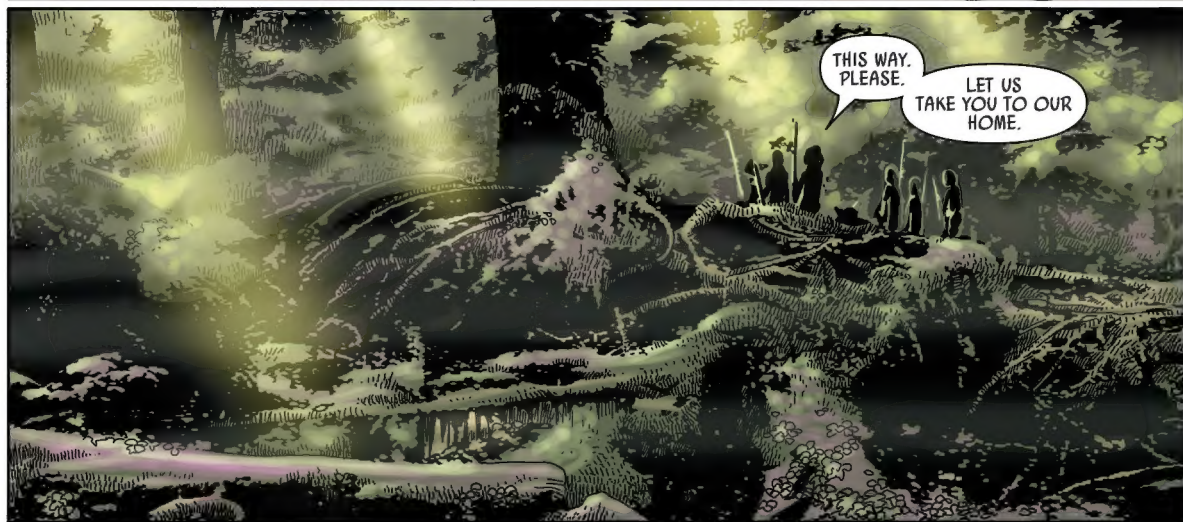
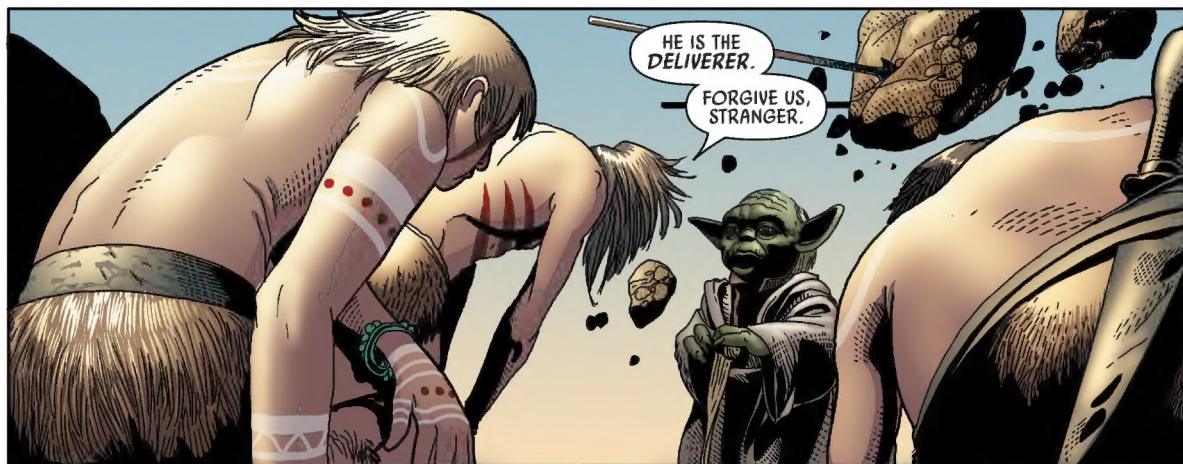


WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU MAKE IT BACK.

PARTS OF YOU, AT LEAST.









"LET US TAKE YOU TO MUCKTOWN."



HE'S THE DELIVERER?

HE'S TOO SMALL.

HOW'S HE GOING TO FIGHT THE ROCKHAWKERS?

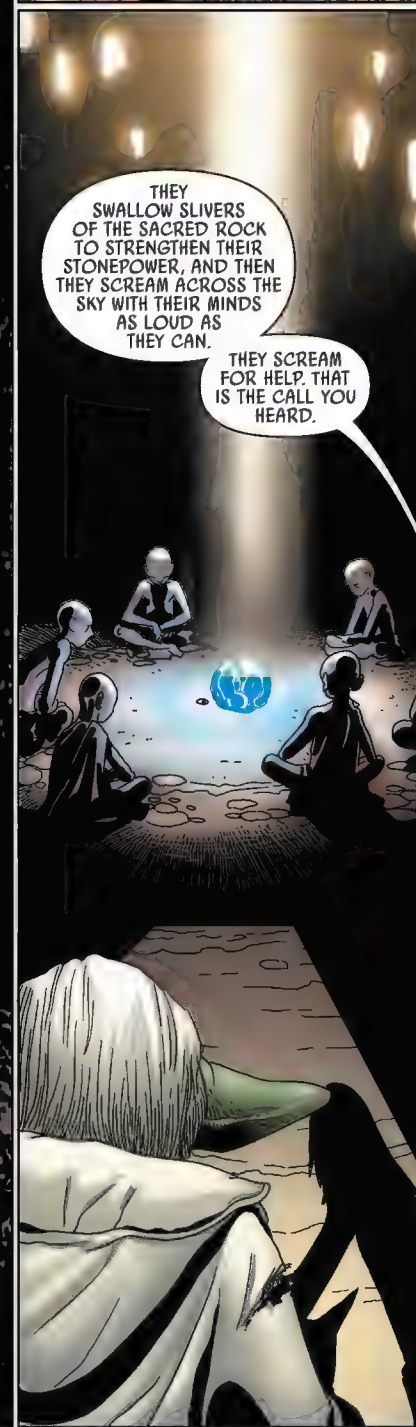
THEY SAY HIS STONEPOWER IS AS STRONG AS--

SHOULD WE HONOR HIM WITH A FEAST OF MUCKCAKES AND ROASTED MUDBUGS?



THIS IS WHY YOU'RE HERE, STRANGER.

THIS IS WHERE THE SKYSCREAMERS WORK.



THEY SWALLOW SLIVERS OF THE SACRED ROCK TO STRENGTHEN THEIR STONEPOWER, AND THEN THEY SCREAM ACROSS THE SKY WITH THEIR MINDS AS LOUD AS THEY CAN.

THEY SCREAM FOR HELP. THAT IS THE CALL YOU HEARD.



WHY? WHY DO THEY SCREAM?

BECAUSE THIS IS ALL WE HAVE LEFT OF THE GREAT MOUNTAIN.

EVERY DAY THE ROCKHAWKERS MAKE MORE WAR AND WE CHIP AWAY MORE OF THE STONE JUST TO SURVIVE.

SOON WE WILL HAVE NOTHING LEFT BUT DUST. AND ON THAT DAY WE WILL DIE.



THIS STONE. NEVER HAVE I SEEN ITS LIKE BEFORE. STRONG IN THE FORCE IT IS.

WHAT IS THE FORCE? WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

MUCH THERE IS THAT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND EITHER.

WHERE IS THIS MOUNTAIN?



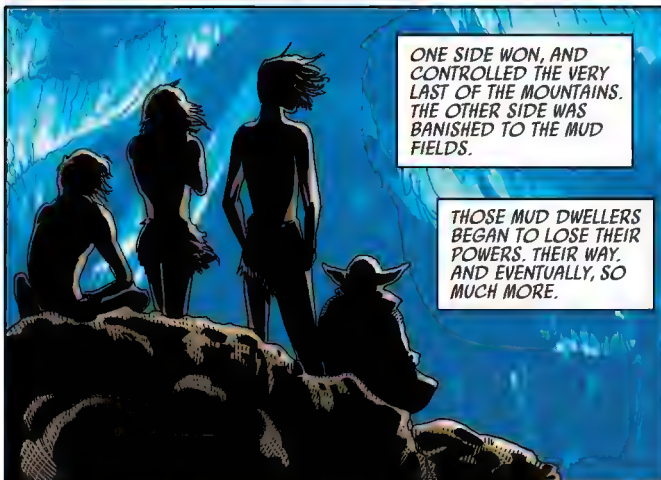
THE CHILDREN TOLD
THEIR STORY TO THE
JEDI MASTER.

THE STORY OF HOW
ALL THE PEOPLE OF
THAT WORLD ONCE
LIVED TOGETHER IN
THE SHADOW OF AN
ENTIRE RANGE OF
BEAUTIFUL BLUE
MOUNTAINS.

AND FROM THE STONE OF
THOSE MYSTICAL SPIRES,
THE PEOPLE DREW THE
ENERGY OF LIFE. THEY
DREW GREAT POWER.

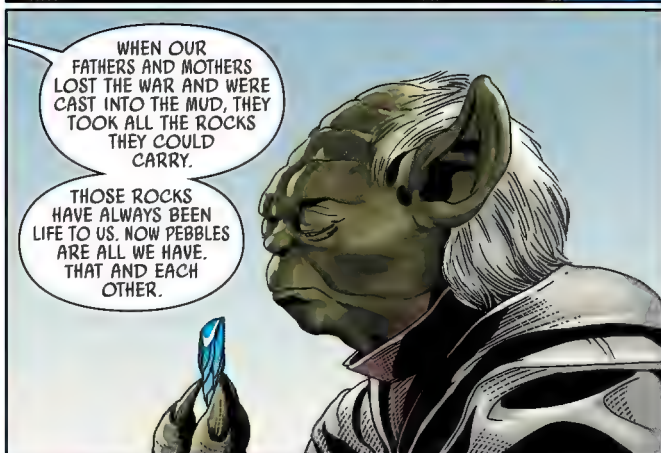
BUT SOME BECAME GREEDY AND
WANTED THE POWER OF THE STONES
FOR THEMSELVES. DIVISIONS GREW.
RIVAL FACTIONS WERE BORN.

IN THE WAR THAT FOLLOWED,
ENTIRE MOUNTAINS WERE
DESTROYED OR DRAINED
OF THEIR POWER.



ONE SIDE WON, AND
CONTROLLED THE VERY
LAST OF THE MOUNTAINS.
THE OTHER SIDE WAS
BANISHED TO THE MUD
FIELDS.

THOSE MUD DWELLERS
BEGAN TO LOSE THEIR
POWERS. THEIR WAY.
AND EVENTUALLY, SO
MUCH MORE.

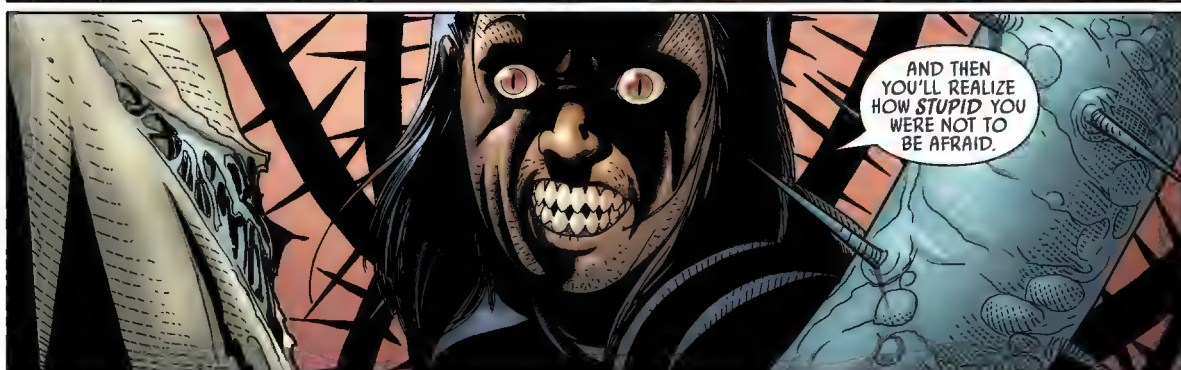
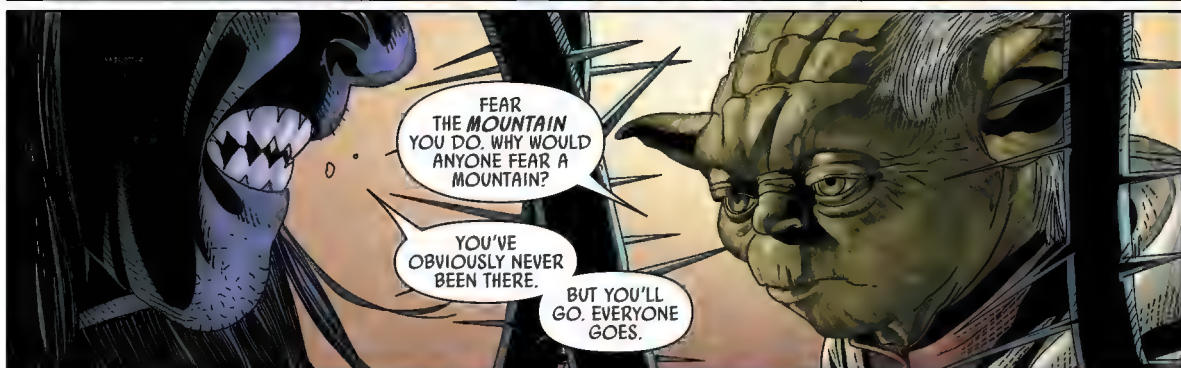


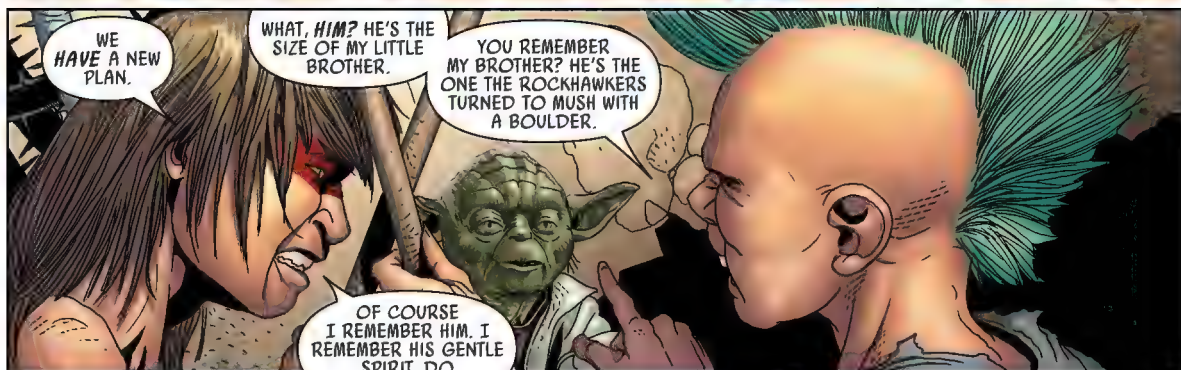
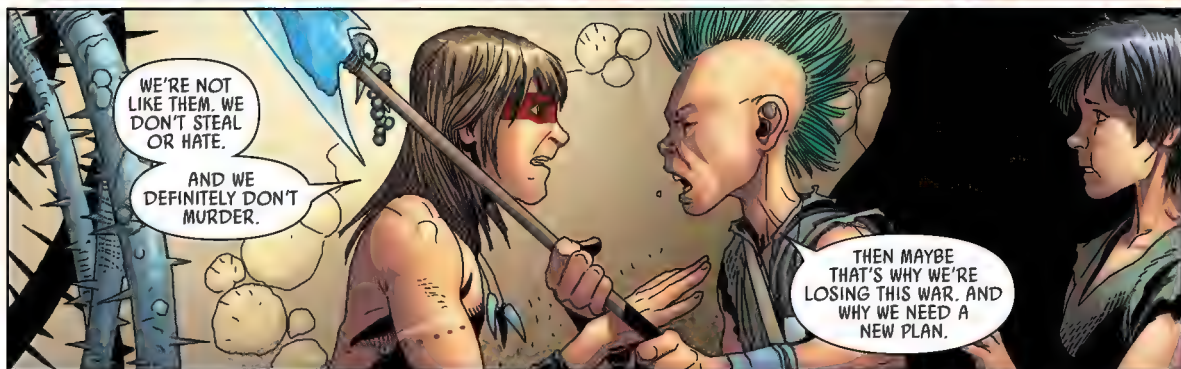
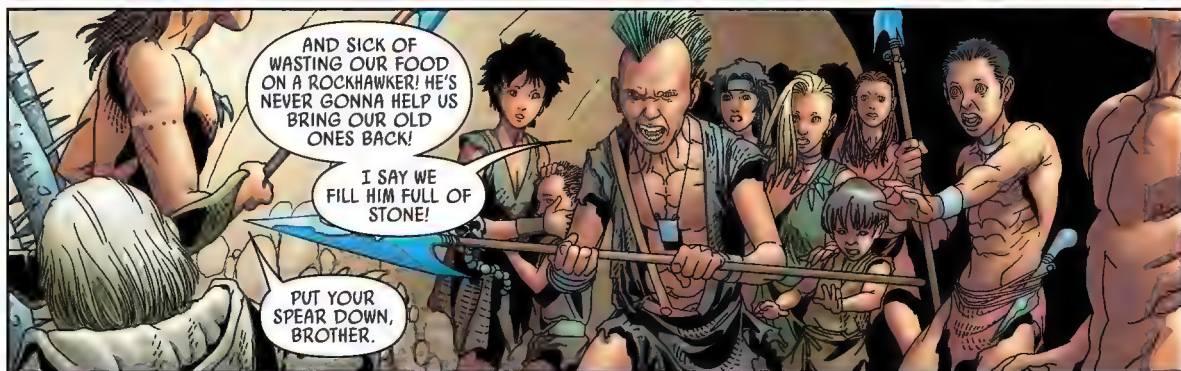
WHEN OUR
FATHERS AND MOTHERS
LOST THE WAR AND WERE
CAST INTO THE MUD, THEY
TOOK ALL THE ROCKS
THEY COULD
CARRY.

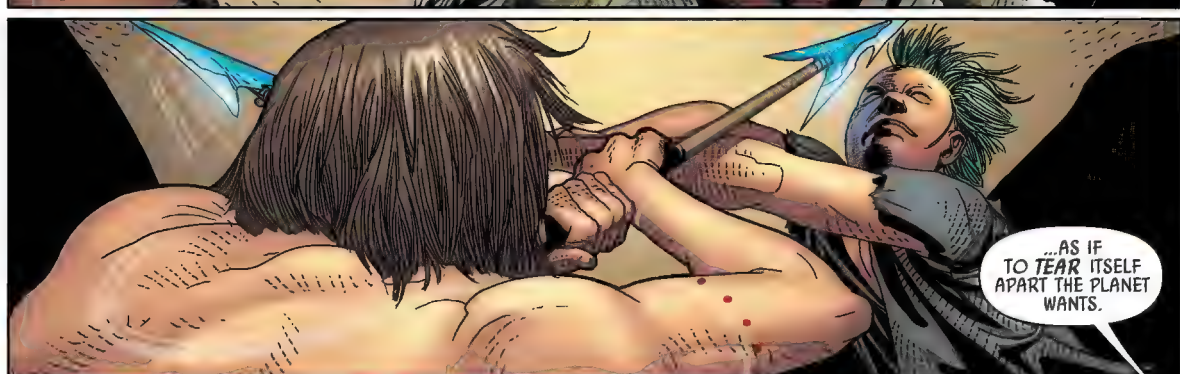
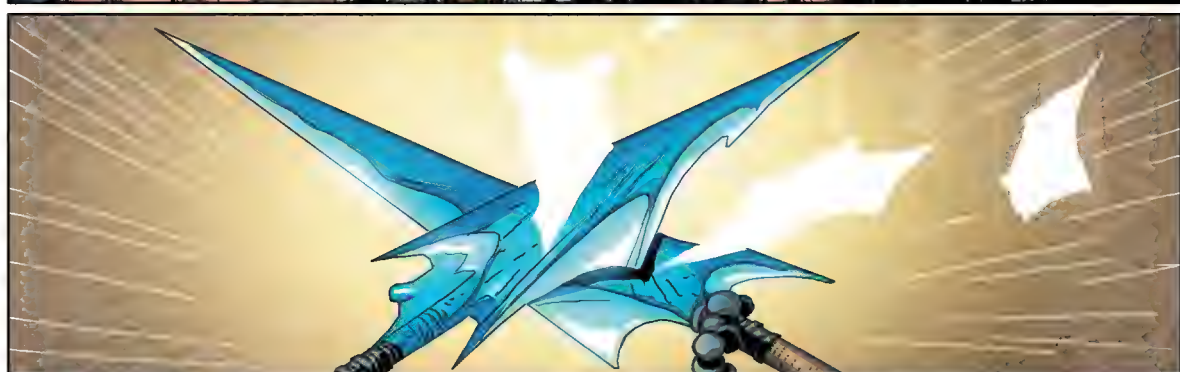
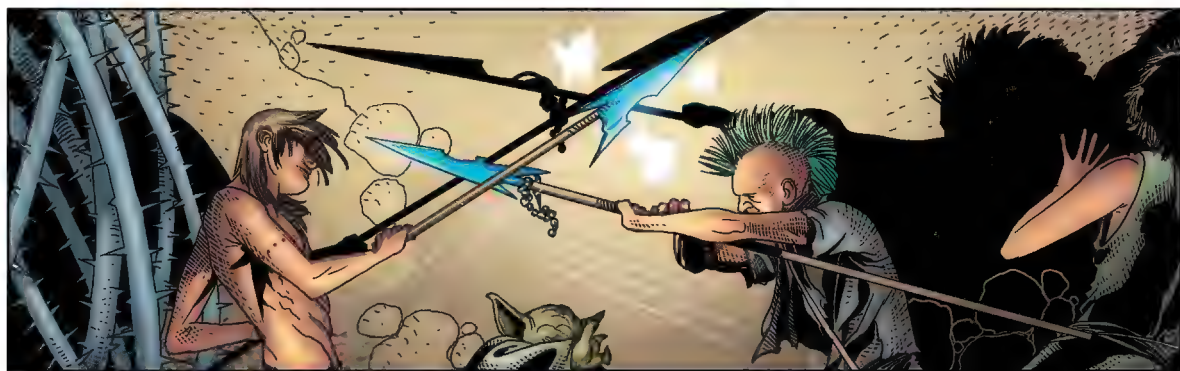
THOSE ROCKS
HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
LIFE TO US. NOW PEBBLES
ARE ALL WE HAVE.
THAT AND EACH
OTHER.

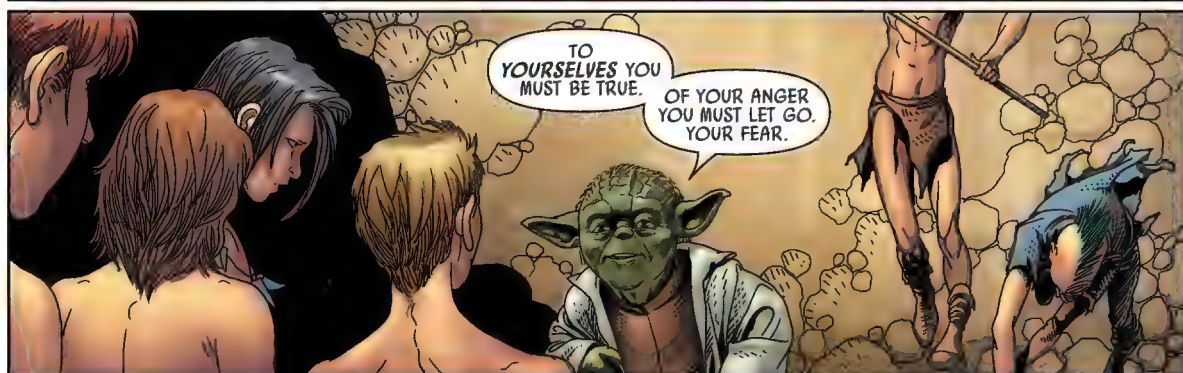


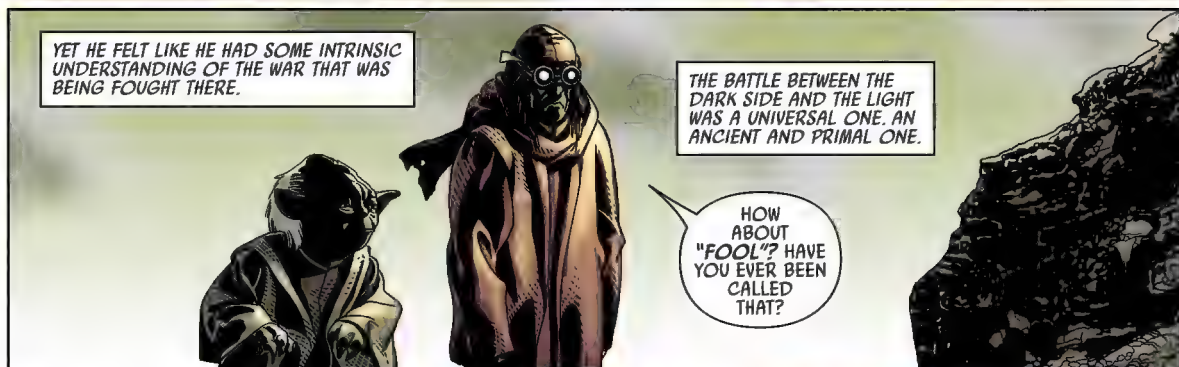
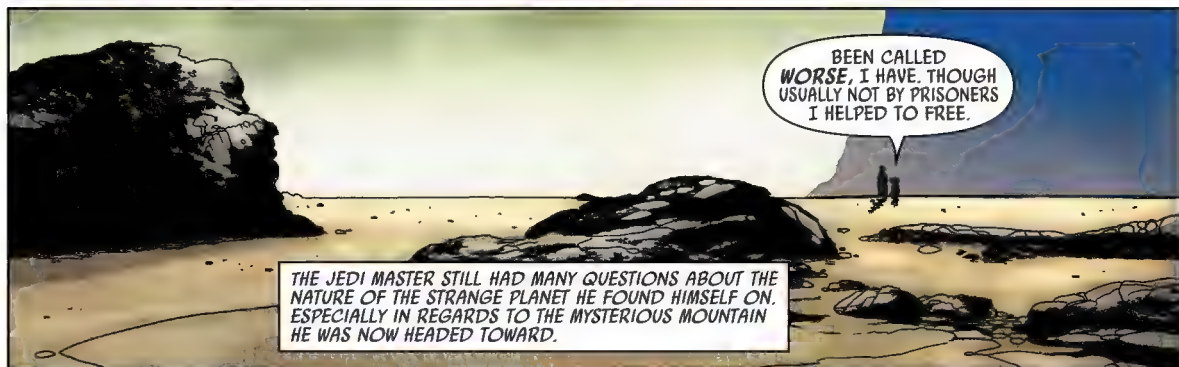
WELL. THAT
ISN'T EXACTLY ALL
WE HAVE.

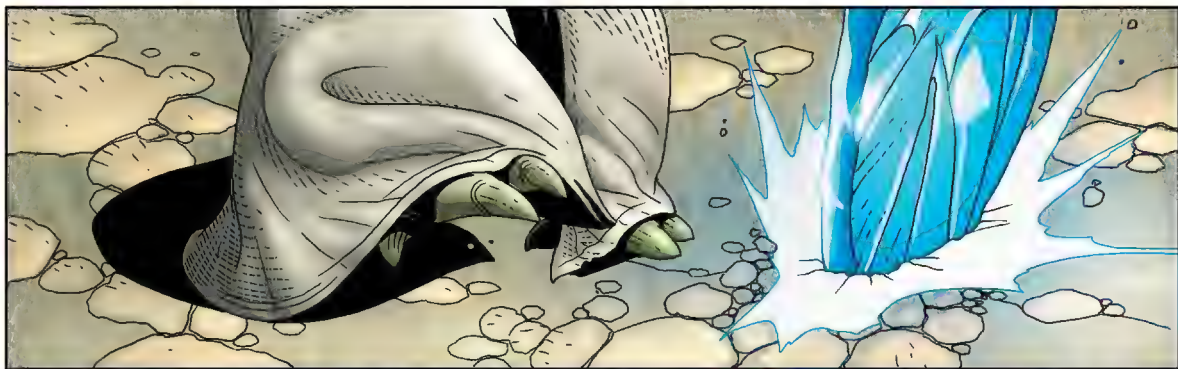












WHERE DO
YOU THINK YOU'RE
GOING?

THE
MOUNTAIN,
I SEEK. TO TALK
WITH THE ONES WHO
CONTROL
IT.



THEN YOU
GO TO YOUR
DOOM.

WHAT'S THAT
THERE YOU'VE GOT
WITH YOU?

ONE OF
YOUR OWN. BACK
TO YOU I BRING HIM, AS
A GESTURE OF GOODWILL
FROM THE OTHERS WITH
WHOM YOU SHARE
THIS LAND.



THAT'S
NOT ONE OF OUR
OWN. THAT'S JUST
A DOG.

AND WHAT
OTHERS? YOU MEAN
THE MUCKWHACKERS?
YOU'RE ONE OF
THEM?



BUT
A HUMBLE
TRAVELER I AM.
MAY I SIT AND TALK
PEACE WITH
YOU?

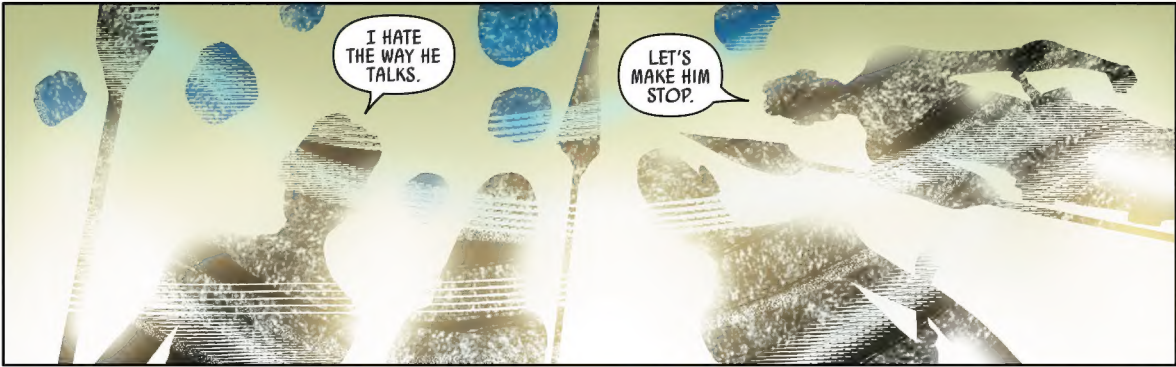
PEACE?
HEH.

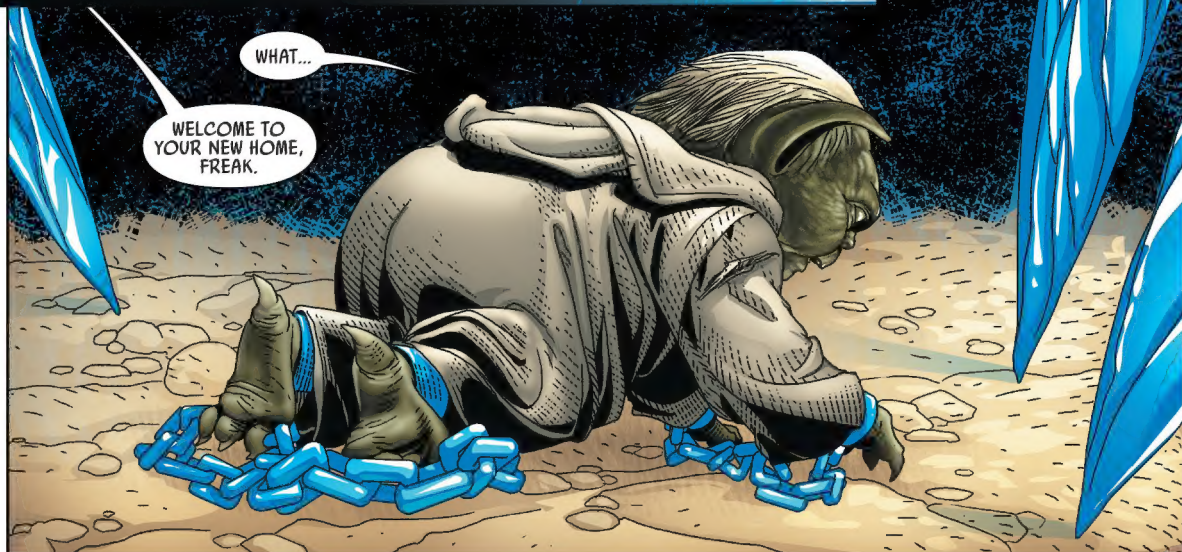
HEH HEH
HEH.

NO, YOU
MAY NOT TALK
PEACE WITH US,
YOU DUMB
FREAK.











YOU'VE
GOT A LONG
WALK, LITTLE
FROG.

HE'D NEVER
FELT SO SMALL.

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